

LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS FOR 2000

During 2000, both the State Legislature and Congress considered several bills related to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's objectives.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT: AB 303 (Thomson) **Groundwater** creates the Local Groundwater Assistance Fund to award grants to local public agencies to carry out groundwater studies, groundwater monitoring, and management activities. (Chapter 708, Statutes of 2000). The CALFED Program will provide \$5 million in 2001 support this program.

WATER USE EFFICIENCY: SB 2095 (Johnston) **Water Recycling in Landscaping Act** affects a local public or private entity that produces recycled water. It requires notification to local agencies and adoption of recycled water ordinances (Chapter 510, Statutes of 2000).

WATER TRANSFERS: Several measures dealing with water transfer issues went before the Legislature in 2000, but did not pass. Issues ranged from establishing water transfer management councils and water transfer management plans, to fair compensation for using unused capacity in water conveyance facilities.

PROGRAM GOVERNANCE The Legislature considered, but did not pass this year, legislation establishing a new governance structure for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The CALFED agencies intend to seek new legislation regarding governance in early 2001.

PROGRAM FINANCING: AB 1740 (Ducheny) **Budget bill (Chapter 52, Statutes of 2000)** enacted the Budget Act of 2000 to finance state government for Fiscal Year 2000-01. The Budget Act appropriated \$261,078,000 from the General Fund and bond-financed funds to various state agencies to carry out the CALFED Program. The Budget Act provides that \$135 million of that amount may not be spent until a statute is enacted certifying that the projects or purposes are consistent with the CALFED Programmatic EIS/EIR. SB 1586 (Costa) **CALFED funds** would have satisfied that requirement, but the Legislature did not pass this measure in this session.

H.R.5483 (Packard) Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law 106-377) enacted appropriations to the Department of Interior and to the US Army Corps of Engineers for Federal Fiscal Year 2001 for water development projects (initially in HR 4733 (Packard) **Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2001**). Although this bill did not appropriate federal funds explicitly for implementation of the CALFED Program, several projects and programs funded by the bill are related to and consistent with the CALFED Program objectives.